

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there are only 77.24 per cent upper primary schools available against the total requirement;
- (b) if so, the details of present demand and availability of upper primary schools available in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the time by when this shortage is likely to be met;
- (d) whether there is shortage of teachers in these schools;
- (e) if so, the details of the demand and availability of teachers, State/Union Territory- wise; and
- (f) the time by when the shortage of teachers is likely to be met?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(c) Though the 7th All India Education Survey (2002) of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), reported about 78.11% habitations only were served by upper primary schools within 3 km., since the commencement of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme in 2001-02, 124890 upper primary schools have been sanctioned. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), upper primary schools are sanctioned as per requirement based on the number of children completing primary education, up to a ceiling of one upper primary school for every two primary schools. The position is reviewed every year during consideration of Annual Work Plan of the States/UTs by the Government of India.

(d)&(f) The teacher pupil ratio at upper primary level in the country is 32:1. The national, norms is 1:40.